All Defence items produced by the private sector will be sold only to the Government or as inputs to the Ordnance Factories/Defence Public Sector Undertakings, except for exports.

Action Against Guilty Official of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited

3388. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to answer to Unstarred Question 2137 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March. 2000, and state:

(a) the action taken so far against the concerned officers of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.;

(b) whether some union workers are being victimised for writing to CVC;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to redress grievances of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) The alleged irregularities referred to in the newsitem and the CBI note against the officials of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited have been examined in consultation with Central Vigilance Commission. As no malafide was established, the matter has been closed.

(b) No union worker has been victimised for writing to CVC.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There are various fora in Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd. as well as in the Department of Defence Production & Supplies for the redressal of grievances of workers.

Ammunition Storage System

3389. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army authorities had sent a team of experts to England and Germany to study ammunition storage system in advanced European countries;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the team;

(c) whether Government have not implemented the recommendations;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.